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Libya

Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi officially opened "the most modern and biggest pipe plant in the world" during a "great popular ceremony" in the Al-Burayqah region, JANA reported, noting that the plant will manufacture pipes for Libya's man-made river project. Al-Qadhdhafi was "loudly cheered" by the "popular masses" when he arrived at the celebration, accompanied by Libyan and Palestinian officials and the visiting ROK construction minister.

Regarding the content of Al-Qadhdhafi's recent talks with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad, Syrian sources cited by the UAE's *Al-Ittihad stated that the two leaders discussed Libya's defense* needs including the development of a new Soviet-supplied missile system which will be partly manned by Syrian personnel. Libyan sources said Al-Qadhdhafi suggested to Al-Asad that they hold a tripartite meeting with Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid, the paper reported. In Algiers, Libyan envoy Al-Khuwaylidi al-Humaydi and Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam delivered messages to Bendjedid from Al-Qadhdhafi and Al-Asad, according to Algiers radio and APS. Saudi King Fahd also received a Libyan envoy in Riyadh, Riyadh radio noted.

Egypt

There is nothing preventing Egypt from receiving Israeli Prime Minister Shim'on Peres and the summit meeting is expected to take place in Alexandria on 10 or 11 September, the Cairo magazine *Al-Musawwar* stated in a report cited by MENA. The report, which was written by *Al-Musawwar's* chief editor, emphasized that the Palestinian issue should be the primary topic of the summit because there are no outstanding bilateral issues that merit discussion at summit level. While Egypt has "no direct interest" in the meeting it would be shirking its responsibility if it did not seek to direct peace efforts toward the "sole, correct goal" of Israel's withdrawal and its recognition of Palestinian self-determination "within the framework of a confederation with Jordan." The article expressed "deep Egyptian understanding" of Jordan's position and stressed that Egypt "cannot consider pressuring Jordan to push it into a unilateral settlement with the Israelis." On Israel's position toward the Palestinian issue, the magazine maintained that Peres would reap "immense benefits" for himself, for his party, and for Israel if he had the courage to "come closer" to the Palestinian problem.

President Mubarak arrived in Amman 28 August and began talks with Jordanian King Husayn, Amman radio announced, noting that the visit is in accordance with the two sides' "continuous consultations and coordination on all issues of common concern."

Lebanon

The Muslim-Christian dialogue will start at a 2 September Ministerial Council session, Prime Minister Rashid Karami announced in remarks reported by the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio following a meeting of Muslim cabinet ministers. Amal leader Nabih Birri and Progressive Socialist Party leader Walid Junblatt were among those attending the meeting, Beirut radio noted. Voice of Lebanon radio reported that Hizballah has issued a statement rejecting the dialogue process as "artificial" and part of a "plot."

The Islamic Jihad organization issued a statement in Beirut warning against military attempts to free its U.S. and French hostages, the Voice of Lebanon announced 28 August.

Iran

Turkish Minister's Visit — Regarding the Turkish raid into northern Iraq, Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati told visiting Turkish Foreign Minister Vahit Halefoglu that the territorial integrity of all countries in the region should be safeguarded, since interference in other countries' internal affairs could lead to foreign intervention, Tehran radio reported. Velayati remarked that Iran expects its neighbors to remain neutral toward the Iran-Iraq conflict, according to the radio, which had earlier reported a similar statement made by the Iranian president during his talks with Halefoglu. Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi warned Halefoglu that exerting pressure on Iraqi opposition forces could benefit the Iraqi president, the radio continued. An ANATOLIA report based on Turkish Foreign Ministry sources said the talks eliminated "misunderstandings" that had arisen, Ankara radio announced.

Pilgrims' Release — The Saudi authorities have released 103 Iranian pilgrims who were arrested at Jeddah Airport 8 August, Tehran radio reported, noting that this was due to the "consistent efforts" of the Hajj supervisor and to "cooperation from the Saudi Government." A Tehran-based Muslim student group had earlier warned that the Saudi Government would face "dire consequences and a revolutionary move" if the pilgrims were not released soon, according to IRNA.

GCC Meeting in Saudi Arabia

The GCC foreign ministers concluded their talks in Abha and released a press statement that stressed their determination to support all efforts for a rapid peaceful solution of the Gulf war, welcoming the "positive" position represented by the recent Iraqi proposals, SPA reported. The escalation of Iranian "threats" against some member-countries was noted with "great regret" by the ministers, who expressed "extreme concern" over Iran's increased interception of naval traffic in the Gulf, calling on Iran to stop those "illegal measures."

DRA

A store of military equipment 5 miles west of Kabul exploded due to "technical problems," Kabul radio announced, citing a BAKHTAR report which claimed that the incident caused neither deaths nor damage to adjacent buildings. PDPA General Secretary Najibullah arrived at the scene immediately after the blast, the report continued, and personally supervised the "rescue" operations under way. The PDPA Central Committee Politburo appointed a state commission to investigate the incident, and decided that those who caused the blast should be put on trial and punished under military conditions, the report added.

Sudan

Uganda closed its border with Sudan following allegations that Sudan had given aid to guerrillas fighting against the Ugandan Government, SUNA announced. Uganda also prevented trucks delivering food supplies from entering Sudan, the agency continued. Kampala radio confirmed the closure.

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Keshtmand Interviewed on Nonaligned Movement

LD262235 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 26 Aug 86

[Interview with the head of the DRA delegation to the Eighth Nonaligned Summit in Harare, Zimbabwe, Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, PDPA Central Committee Politburo member and DRA Council of Ministers chairman on 26 August in Kabul - by unidentified correspondent — recorded]

[Excerpts] [Interviewer] Esteemed Comrade Keshtmand; The eighth conference of the heads of states or governments of the countries who are members of the Nonaligned Movement will soon be convened in Harare - the capital of Zimbabwe. According to our information, you, as head of the DRA delegation, will take part in this conference. Please talk about the Nonaligned Movement.

[Keshtmand] With optimism and great interest we are making preparation to take part in the eighth conference of the heads of states or governments of the Nonaligned Movement. [passage omitted discussing the importance of the Nonaligned Movement and its role in the solution of international issues, hostility towards imperialism, and the support of the USSR for this movement]

[Interviewer] Please shed light on the stand of the DRA vis-a-vis the Nonaligned Movement.

[Keshtmand] The DRA stand vis-a-vis the Nonaligned Movement is completely clear. Nonalignment forms one of the fundamental principles of our foreign policy. The DRA, as a founder and faithful member of the Nonaligned Movement, takes an active part in all activities of this movement, and actively supports and defends its activities for the restoration of international peace and security. We believe that the Nonaligned Movement can continue and become consolidated only by faithfulness to its fundamental principles and solidarity.

For our young republic, which has become the target of the undeclared war by reaction and imperialism which wants to suffocate our revolution by spending millions of dollars and preventing our people from following the path for their prosperity and tranquility, this solidarity (?has) immense importance.

We hope that the member countries of this movement can better and further perceive (?this), and on the basis of the principlesof the Nonaligned Movement raise their voice for the cessation of the undeclared war of imperialists which is continuing against the DRA. [passage omitted regarding the responsibility of this movement for peace, support for peace proposals of the USSR, the role of India in this movement, and wishing success for the leader of the host country]

Military Equipment Depot West of Kabul Explodes

LD271641 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 27 Aug 86

[Text] The BIA reported that last night a store of military equipment around Qarghah [5 miles to the west of Kabul] exploded due to technical problems. No one was killed in the incident nor were dwellings in the vicinity of the incident damaged. The residents in the locality were immediately removed to safe places and normal conditions for their living were provided in those places.

Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, visited the area during the incident. He supervised the adoption of immediate measures for the rescue and accomodation of the locals living in that vicinity.

Comrade Abdul Zohur Razmjo, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee and secretary of the Kabul City party committee; Lieutenant General Nazar Muhammad, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and the minister of defense; Gholam Faruq Yaqubi, candidate member of the party Central Committee Politburo and the minister of state security; Haydar Mas'ud, secretary of the PDPA Central Committee; and Sayyed Muhammad Gulabzoy, the minister of internal affairs, accompanied Comrade Najibullah.

Immediately after the accident occurred, Comrade Najibullah arrived in the area and began to personally supervise the work for the rescue of the people living in the area. During the incident plans concerning the provision of city transport to move the local people, the provision of temporary living quarters for them, and other living needs were immediately organized.

The families, who had been moved from their homes due to a possible danger, were returned to their homes today.

The PDPA Central Committee Politburo discussed last night's explosion in the arms depot. The Politburo commissioned a state commission under the supervision of Major General Gholam Faruq Yaqubi to seriously investigate the event and present the result of the investigation to the Politburo. The Politburo decided that those who have caused the incident should be put on trial and punished in accordance with laws in military conditions. The Politburo also commissioned the DRA Council of Ministers to extend urgent assistance to those who have suffered as a result of the explosion.

The BIA adds that the enemies of the revolution and the imperialist mass media will, since they usually abuse this type of incident, embark on hostile and slanderous propaganda in connection with this incidents. The respected compatriots are invited not to believe such slanderous propaganda and foil such fabrications.

BANGLADESH

Ruling Party Wins All Seats in By-Election

BK271350 Dhaka Overseas Service in English 1230 GMT 27 Aug 86

[Text] In Bangladesh, according to unofficial results received from the Election Comission, candidates of the Jatiya Party have won the by-elections in all the eight parliamentary seats. The by-elections were held Tuesday [26 August]. With the victory of the Jatiya Party candidates in the by-elections, the unofficial party position stands as follows:

Jatiya Party — 208; Awami League — 78; Jamaat-e Islami — 10; The Communist Party of Bangladesh — 6; National Awami Party-United — 5; The Muslim League — 4; Bangladesh Krishk Sramik Awami League — 3; Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal-R — 4; Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal-S — 3; Workers Party — 3; National Awami Party-Muzaffar — 2; and Independents — 4.

Hasina Says Elections Rigged; Demands Annulment

BK270949 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 27 Aug 86

[Text] In Bangladesh, the leader of the opposition Awami League, Mrs Hasina Wajed, has demanded the annulment of yesterday's parliamentary by-elections. She charged the Jatiya Party with committing fraud and rigging the elections. She said her party will not accept the results. Mrs Wajed urged the Election Commission to postpone the counting of votes and scrap the elections.

Indian Minister Arrives for Water Sharing Talks

BK270429 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 27 Aug 86

[Text] The water resources minister, Mr B. Shankaranand, has expressed optimism in finding a solution to the problem of augmentation of lean period flow of the Ganga [Ganges River] for sharing water between India and Bangladesh. He was talking to newsmen at the airport on his arrival in Dhaka for taking part in the Indo-Bangladesh ministerial-level meeting beginning today. He said the meeting will review the progress of the work of the joint committee of experts. The All India Radio Dhaka correspondent, Prabhakar Mishra, reports that the two irrigation ministers are meeting for the first time after the memorandum of understanding was signed in New Delhi in November last year.

Meeting Held

BK271609 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 27 Aug 86

[Text] The Indo-Bangladesh ministerial meeting on sharing of waters of the common rivers was held in Dhaka today. The meeting reviewed the progress made so far by the joint committee of experts. The meeting is the first since signing of the memorandum in Delhi last November on the sharing of waters of the common rivers. The minister for irrigation, water development, and flood control, Mr Anisul Islam Mahmud, led the Bangladesh team at the talks. The Indian minister for water resources, Mr Shankaranand, led his country's delegation.

Meanwhile, an official source said a positive response has been received from Nepal today. The source said Nepal expressed its willingness to receive a joint delegation from Bangladesh and India to study as to how Katmandu can assist in solving the water sharing problem.

INDIA

Shankar Leaves; Gandhi on Sanctions Against RSA

BK270431 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 27 Aug 86

[Text] The external affairs minister, Mr Shiv Shankar, has left for Harare to attend the [nonaligned] foreign ministers meeting. The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, will deliver the opening addess at the inaugural function of the summit on Monday as the current chairman of the movement. The leadership will then be taken over by the Zimbabwean prime minister, Mr Robert Mugabe.

Mr Gandhi has stressed that comprehensive sanctions against South Africa are the only alternative to violence and bloodshed in Namibia. In a message to the UN Council for Namibia, he accused Pretoria of continuing to illegally occupy Namibia through delays and maneuvers.

Curfew in Gujarat Town Following Violence

BK271601 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 27 Aug 86

[Text] In Gujarat, indefinite curfew has been clamped at Palanpur in Banaskantha District as a precautionary measure from 1800 this evening. According to official sources, this followed an incident of stone throwing during a religious procession. Police are keeping a strict watch on the situation.

700,000 Affected by Floods in Bihar State

BK271605 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 27 Aug 86

[Text] In Bihar, the flood situation in east and west Champaran Districts is grim. The chief minister, Mr Bindehswari Dubey, who made an aerial survey told newsmen in Patna that 50 villages are cut off. Rail and road communications are badly affected. He also said that air dropping of food packets will be taken up from tomorrow. In all, about 700,000 people have been affected by the current wave of floods in the state. Relief and rescue operations are in full swing. A number of boats have been deployed to shift people to safer places. According to the flood forecast division in Patna, most of the major rivers are still maintaining the rising trend and some are flowing above the danger level.

In Uttar Pradesh, however, the situation in the flood hit areas has further improved. All the rivers are receding except at the Gagra which is still flowing 2 cms above the danger mark at Elden bridge.

Fighter Plane Crashes in Kashmir
NC271921 Paris AFP in English 1911 GMT 27 Aug 86

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 27 (AFP) — An Indian Air Force fighter jet crashed in the northern border state of Kashmir, disputed with Pakistan, on Wednesday killing its pilot instantly, the *Press Trust of India* reported.

The aircraft was on a routine flight when it crashed near Doru in Anantnag District, the news agency said. It did not specify the type of aircraft.

Meanwhile, a separate PTI dispatch said the Indian and Pakistan border troops exchanged gunfire at three points in Punch sector in Kashmir on Tuesday night for about six hours.

It said quoting official reports reaching Jammu, Kashmir's winter capital, as saying that the Pakistanis began firing without provocation. No casualties were reported on either side, it said.

PTI had reported similar exchanges on the Kashmir border on several occasions in the recent past.

Detained Nationals Exchanged in Jammu
BK280346 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 28 Aug 86

[Text] Two Indian citizens were repatriated by Pakistani authorities in exchange for three Pakistani nationals in a flag meeting between army officers of the two countries in the (Chung-Jarina) sector of Jammu last Monday. An official spokesman told our Jammu correspondent that the two Indian citizens from the border area of Akhnur were kidnapped by the Pakistanis.

PAKISTAN

Junejo To Go to Harare 31 Aug; To Meet Gandhi
BK261123 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 26 Aug 86

[Excerpts] The Foreign Office spokesman said in Islamabad today that at the NAM (Nonaligned Movement] summit in Harare, Pakistan will support the NAM contribution for maintaining international peace and security and for the evolution of a new international order based on justice and equality. [passage omitted]

Replying to a question, he said the prime minister is expected to have meetings with the heads of various delegations. As far as the meeting with the Indian prime minister is concerned, he said a desire has been expressed by both sides to have such a meeting. The spokesman said the prime minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, is due to leave Karachi on the 31st of this month to arrive in time for the summit, which begins on the 1st of next month. He said the prime minister's delegation will include two federal ministers, the foreign minister, and the minister for information and broadcasting, as well as the two members of the Parliament. He said the prime minister is expected to address the summit at an earlier stage, probably on the 2d of next month. [Passage omitted]

MP Raps Armed Action in Sind; Demands Pullout
BK271251 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 27 Aug 86

[Text] A member of the Pakistan National Assembly from Sind, Mr Abdul Hamid Jatoi, has condemned what he called the armed operation in Sind and demanded an immediate withdrawal of the Army from the province. The opposition leader said the martial law regime is responsible for the worsening sociopolitical situation in the country. He announced yesterday that in view of the present conditions he and some of his colleagues were considering resigning from Parliament.

Opposition in Parliament Sides With MRD
BK280849 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 28 Aug 86

[Text] The opposition in Pakistan Parliament is to support the demand put forward by the Movement for Restoration of Democracy for early elections. The decision came at the end of a 4-hour meeting of the 20-member opposition group in Islamabad yesterday. Headed by the former speaker, Mr Fakhr Imam, the group called upon the government to initiate a dialogue with all political parties in the country to evolve a consensus for the election schedule. It also called for a judicial inquiry into the recent incidents of violence in Lahore, Karachi, and other parts of Sind and release of all political prisoners.

Official Reiterates Stand on Nuclear Program
BK220508 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 22 Aug 86

[Text] Addressing a function in Lahore yesterday, the chairman of the Atomic Energy Agency has reiterated that Pakistan will never abandon its peaceful atomic energy program by coming under the pressure of any foreign country. He said Pakistan does not have any intention to manufacture atomic weapons, but Pakistan proposes to make this area a nuclear-free zone.

SRI LANKA

Jayewardene Holds Second Round Talks With TULF
BK271129 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 27 Aug 86

[Text] President J.R. Jayewardene had a second round of discussions lasting 2 hours and 45 minutes last evening with the TULF at the BMICH [Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall] in Colombo. According to *Lanka Puwath*, the

ministers of national security and home affairs were associated with the president at this session of talks. The TULF, led by its secretary general, A. Amirthalingam, had eight other Politburo members in its delegation. The secretary to the political parties conference, Felix Dias Abeysinghe, told *Lanka Puwath* that the TULF delegation would meet the minister of land, land development, and Mahaweli development tomorrow and will have another round of talks with the president.

Official sources said that the government would invite the TULF delegation to visit the Jaffna Fort and witness the continuing attack launched by the terrorists at the Army camp from civilian-populated areas.

Soldiers Killed by Tamil Separatists
BK280504 Hong Kong AFP in English 0500 GMT 28 Aug 86

[Text] Colombo, Aug 28 (AFP) — Tamil separatists have attacked a Security Forces camp in the northeastern Trincomalee District killing four members of the Security Forces, military sources said Thursday.

The dead included two army officers and a police officer, the sources said.

The separatists launched their attack on the Nilaveli camp, north of the port city of Trincomalee, after dark Wednesday using mortars and automatic weapons, the sources added.

Army Commander Major-General Nalin Seneviratne flew to Trincomalee to assess the situation there, informed sources said.

This fresh violence came a few hours before Tamil moderates were to begin another round of talks with President Junius Jayewardene and senior ministers on the government's proposals to grant provincial autonomy in an effort to end the Tamil separatist struggle which has claimed almost 2,000 lives in the past 20 months, the sources said.

The Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), the main Tamil political party is due to wind up its second round of discussions with the government Friday before leaving for Madras where the TULF leaders currently live. The two sides are still trying to work out the unit of devolution.

The government says it should be a province while the TULF is insisting on a single Tamil linguistic unit which would mean merging the predominantly Tamil northern province with parts of the eastern province where the Tamils make up about 42 percent of the population.

TULF leader Appapillai Amirthalingam told *Agence France-Presse* that several subjects have been discussed but no final decision reached on any of them.

LANKA PUWATH Report
BK281013 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English 0944 GMT 28 Aug 86

["OANA/Pool" item]

[Text] Colombo, Aug 28 (*Lanka Puwath*) — Two army officers and an inspector of police died last night consequent to an incident in the Nilaveli camp, Trincomalee in eastern Sri Lanka, government sources told *Lanka Puwath*.

Sources said that a soldier who is said to be responsible for the incident has committed suicide.

Further investigations are being made under the personal direction of the army commander who is now in Trincomalee.

A magisterial inquiry has been fixed.

9 Civilians Reported Killed in Tamil Protest
BK280314 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 28 Aug 86

[Text] In Sri Lanka, nine civilians have been killed in the eastern Batticaloa District in violent incidents. According to delayed reports reaching Colombo, the bodies which bore gunshot wounds have been recovered.

The citizens of Batticaloa in a memorandum to the Sri Lankan president claimed that the special task forces men took away nine persons from a funeral procession following a mine blast in the area on Monday.

A protest demonstration was taken out in Jaffna yesterday against the killings and a note was handed over to the government agent calling to close down the fort army camps. All shops remained closed as a mark of protest.

Just before the procession began, residents complained that shells were fired from the fort. It has caused slight damage to the oldest church in the Jaffna peninsula.

The Sri Lankan Broadcasting Corporation reported of a government invitation to the TULF delegation to find out for themselves the truth in the recent incidents in Jaffna.

The TULF sources said it is not necessary for them to pay a visit to assess the situaion as they are in touch with the people there.

No talks were held yesterday between the TULF and the government. The talks are to be resumed today.

Khamene'i Lauds Trade Fair as 'Accomplishment'

LD261801 Tehran IRNA in English 1530 GMT 26 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran. Aug. 26, IRNA — President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i issued a message on the occasion of the 12th International Trade Fair Tuesday.

In his message, the president said that the international fair must perhaps be judged a great accomplishment by the Islamic Republic of Iran in that it is held in an unusual economic condition brought about by the oppressive world powers which [word indistinct] a new era of their enmity with Iran by having forced down the price of oil for the purpose of diminishing this country's revenues and clogging the wheels of its economy, and hindering the operation of manufacturing sector.

Referring to the Iraqi imposed war and the Iraqi regime's attacks on factories, he said that the oppressive world powers are busy hatching plots for hindering the progress of Iran's economy and debilitating the Islamic Revolution and isolating the Islamic Republic.

The president added that despite all these, the Iranian nation each and every day witnessed new industrial and technical advancements inspired by the unyielding spirit and perseverence of a people here who have set the model in devotion, morale, and resistance for all future generations.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i said that the big industrial countries have now realised that the period of making a bonanza of sky-rocketing revenues from other countries by exporting hardware to them and providing them with industrial raw materials and parts for an indefinite period of time has long since ended.

The president stressed that the imposition of unfair terms on the developing nations in the conduct of world trade and the ever-increasing volume of debts of the needy countries make it ever more necessary that the predatory and oppressive discipline in international trade and commerce, which is now specially upheld by the U.S. Government and international Zionism, be reformed.

In another part, he referred to the imam's message to Hajj pilgrims this year and the positive response by the pilgrims to his behest advising them against buying U.S.-made products saying that it was proof of the preparedness of the Iranian nation for marching in the road of economic victories and was an evidence of its potential and capability for breaking loose from the tyrannical claws of ruling international orders and for putting an end to cruel universal practices.

President Khamene'i reiterated that the Iranian revolutionary nation exposes the full implications of economic dependence and of the people who are behind this conspiracy not only in slogans but more vividly by turning to action for counteracting the ruling practices.

Referring to the oil market, the president said, "let the deprived and unprivileged people of the world realise that oil does not have to be their only commodity and liable to political and economic plots of the world bullies. Let them realise that they should look for a proper economic structure for themselves before it may be too late to do so, he said.

The president added that the growth in volume of Iran's non-oil exports last year marked a turning point in recasting the new ecoomic structure of the country's economy. The process has continued with success despite the economic pressures exerted on the country by the world arrogance and its agents in the past few months.

The Iranian nation will not at any future time be dissuaded from its firm resolve of diversifying and enhancing its non-oil exports and fundamentally reforming its industrial projects and foreign trade whether oil prices will change for better or worse insofar as Iran's interests are concerned.

Talking about the importance of the fair, he said that it was an international crossroad for exchanging technical, industrial know-how, and business information and is a place wherein people interested in serving the society and in learning and teaching may exchange information towards the ultimate purpose of solidifying friendships, and promoting academic cooperation.

It is also a good opportunity for people with ingenuity and for others with financial resources and manufacturing facilities to pool their capabilities for the prosperity of this nation.

The president said that in formulating economic and buniness exchanges with the rest of the world, Iran insists on new criteria ensuring both the immediate as well as the long-term interests of countries and nations without allowing for deceptive or unjust considerations.

In conclusion, the president said that the Iranian nation regards the presence of the countries participating in this fair with full knowledge of the goals of the Islamic Republic and of its present economic situation in contra-distinction to the pre-revolution period as a token of their interest in solidifying the bonds of friendship and furthering political and economic cooperation with Iran.

Musavi Discusses Failure of Imperialist 'Dreams'

LD262130 Tehran IRNA in English 1727 GMT 26 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 26, IRNA — The plots of the imperialist powers who vainly tried to ruin the Islamic Republic, through the Iraqi imposed war and attacks on economic centers, have miserably failed, due to their wrong assessment of the power of the Islamic Revolution, said the Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi here Tuesday.

Musavi made the remarks in a meeting with provincial governors, where he said, the dreams of the aggressors, at the dawn of the Islamic Revolution in 1979, that the absence of the previous regime's experts would create hardships for Iran, has been shattered by "the successful mobilization of our people". [sentence as received]

He called on the country's officials to sincerely serve the people.

Students Warn Saudis To Release Hajj Pilgrims

LD271524 Tehran IRNA in English 1515 GMT 27 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 27, IRNA — The Saudi Government was warned of dire consequences and a revolutionary move by Muslim students and the Iranian people, if Iranian and non-Iranian Hajj pilgrims are not released from Saudi prisons in the next few days, said a statement by the Muslim students solidarity bureau, here Wednesday.

The statement citing Saudi Arabia's conspiracy with the Iraqi Ba'thist regime, condemned the arrest of the pilgrims as proof of the Riyadh government's dependence on U.S. policies.

The statement added that the U.S. backed Saudi regime arrested the pilgrims, because of their participation in a massive rally denouncing global arrogance, headed by the criminal U.S. Government.

The Islamic Republic has already lodged an official protest and demanded release of the 113 Hajj pilgrims from Saudi jails.

Pilgrims Released by Saudi Arabia

LD281108 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 28 Aug 86

[Text] Thanks to consistent efforts by Mr Karrubi, the imam's representative and the supervisor of Iranian Hajj pilgrims, by other state authorities, and to cooperation from the Saudi Government, 103 members of the Esfahan convoy no 13.298, arrested at Jeddah airport on 8 August, have been released. It is worth mentioning that these individuals departed Esfahan for Jeddah airport on flight No 13,169.

Oil Minister, Delegation Leave for PRC

LD271706 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Aug 86

[Text] Gholam Reza Aqazadeh, minister of oil, left Tehran for the PRC at the head of a delegation this afternoon. According to this report the oil minister and the delegation accompanying him on this visit will strive to secure PRC participation with regard to the recent policy of reducing production adopted by the OPEC member-countries, a fact which is in the interest of all the oil producers.

PRC Denies Allegations of Selling Arms

LD281035 Tehran IRNA in English 1026 GMT 28 Aug 86

[Text] London, Aug. 28, IRNA — The People's Republic of China has categorically denied all allegations that it was selling arms to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Speaking with IRNA, the Chinese Embassy in London said any suggestion that China was supplying arms to Iran were "complete fabrications." The press attache, representing the People's Republic, added that China maintained a position of "strict neutrality" in the Iraq-Iran war.

Allegations that Iran was receiving arms from Iran [as received] stemmed from the Reagan administration in Washington and have been widely circulated by the Western media in unsubstantiated and conflicting press reports.

Washington has recently acknowledged Iran's superior position in the Iraqi imposed war and has expressed grave concern at the prospect of an Iranian victory which would affect its interests in the region.

Soviet Official Says Relations 'Growing Fast'

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[Text] Tehran, Aug 27, IRNA — A Soviet diplomat said here Wednesday that Tehran-Moscow relations were "growing fast" and that a session of the joint Irano-Soviet Committee for Permanent Cooperation will be held by the end of the Iranian calendar year ending March 20, 1987.

The official was talking at a press conference held at the Soviet pavilion at Tehran's 12th International Fair where he also said that Iran and the U.S.S.R. have agreed to cooperate in the field of oil exploitation and exploration.

Iranian oil delegations will shortly visit Moscow to inspect Soviet oil installations and hold talks on the manufacture of oil platforms to be set up in the Caspian Sea, he said.

He said that the volume of Tehran-Moscow trade has noticeably increased over the past few years, noting that a total of rubles 2.2 billion in goods have been exchanged since 1984.

On the increased activities of the Irano-Soviet commercial chamber, the official said that the aim of making the chamber more active is to promote bilateral commercial relations between the two countries.

The director of the Soviet pavilion said that 12 Soviet export companies including 2,000 industrial firms are participating in the fair.

Further Reportage on Turkish Foreign Minister Visit

More Talks With Velayati

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[Text] The second round of talks between the Iranian and Turkish ministers of foreign affairs was held in Tehran this afternoon. During this round of talks Mr Velayati said: Our bilateral relations are long standing. These relations have made excellent progress in various areas, so much so that the volume of our economic and trade relations today is unprecedented throughout the two country's history.

Referring to the explanations given by Mr Halefoglu with regard to Turkish military operations in the Kurdish-inhabited region in northern Iraq Mr Velayati said: Our people are extremely sensitive with regard to the war situation and the fate of the Iraqi

regime and they expect other countries, particularly their neighbors, to remain neutral. The Iranian people's overall conclusion from the incident which took place in northern Iraq is that that was a move against the groups opposing Saddam. He added: We believe that the territorial integrity of all the countries in the region should be respected and safeguarded; and this is in the interest of the region since interference in the internal affairs of a country could prepare the ground for intervention by foreign powers.

While expressing the Islamic Republic of Iran's support for the struggles waged by Iraqi Kurds against the Saddam regime, Mr Valayati referred to the area of extending Iranian-Turkish relations and said: We hope that we will not have such problems in future.

Mr Velayati then elaborated on the situation in the region and referring to Zionist plots aimed at dominating the region considered King Hassan's move in connection with receiving Peres as a traitorous step and called establishing contact with the Zionist regime as a criminal move aimed at wiping out the Palestine aspiration.

Mr Velayati then referred to the problem of the Iraqi imposed war on Iran and said: Right from the beginning of the war his holiness the imam clearly indicated the line of confronting the aggression of the Saddam regime. He added: The Saddam regime should go and a government should be set up in accordance with the demand of the people and for safeguarding Iraq's territorial integrity.

Mr Halefoglu, too, apart from Turkey's complete readiness for an increasing expansion of relations in all fields, called for continuous contacts between the foreign ministers and other officials in the two countries' foreign ministries for talk aimed solving difficulties and finding ways for a further expansion of bilateral relations.

Meets With Musavi

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[Text] This morning, Prime Minister Musavi received Turkish Foreign Minister Halefoglu and his entourage. During the meeting, which was also attended by Foreign Minister Velayati, Mo Mo'ayeri — the prime minister's political deputy — and the ambassadors of the two countries, the Turkish foreign minister submitted a report on the expanding diplomatic and commercial relations between the two countries. He gave full details on the recent action taken by Turkey in northeastern Iraq.

Then, referring to the importance of trade relations between Iran and Turkey, Prime Minister Musavi pointed out the effective factors for expanding relations. He said: The present standpoint of the Islamic Republic varies considerably with that of 5 years ago. Nevertheless, our policy is to expand relations with friendly neighboring countries, especially because we consider the friendship between Iran and Turkey profitable and effective in relation to the friendship among regional Islamic countries.

Referring to the current weak position of the regime ruling over Iraq and to Turkey's obvious realization of this during the discussions, the prime minister said: Our people closely follow the moves of neighboring countries toward the warring regime of Iraq. At the moment, it is felt that the incidents in northern Iraq should not end in the interests of the dying regime of Iraq. Today, several forces inside Iraq are fighting against Saddam's regime; exerting pressure on these forces could benefit Saddam.

He stressed: We advise our friends to be more careful than before in their commercial deals with Iraq. No doubt countries such as Turkey know the reason for this.

Finally, the Turkish foreign minister told the prime minister about his government's willingness to expand mutual relations as much as possible and conveyed the Turkish prime minister's invitation to Mr Musavi once again. He stressed: The stance of the Turkish Government regarding the war is the same as before. There has been no change in this stance.

Received by Khamene'i

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[Text] This morning President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i received Turkish Foreign Minister Halefoglu. At this meeting, which was also attended by Foreign Minister Velayati and several officials from the two countries, Halefoglu first welcomed the opportunity of meeting our country's president and conveyed greetings from his country's leaders.

He said: The two Muslim Iranian and Turkish nations have good ties and cooperation with one another. Given the positive attitude from the two sides, economic relations and other aspects of bilateral ties can be expanded as far as possible.

In a report on the political situation in the region, particularly the Kurdish areas in Iraq, he declared Turkey's complete neutrality in the imposed war and wished success and honor for the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Later Khamene'i expressed reciprocal thanks for the greetings communicated by Turkish President Kenan Evren and welcomed the expanding and strengthening friendship and cooperation between the two Muslim countries of Iran and Turkey.

He said: Developing relations with our neighboring and friendly country Turkey has been the focus of our attention since the inception of the revolution. The volume of trade exchange and the level of economic relations between the two countries today cannot be compared with what they were before the revolution.

Referring to recent developments in the Kurdish areas of Iraq, Khamene'i stressed: Our revolutionary people are extremely sensitive about political issues. The war with Iraq is the most important issue for us. The war fronts today are brimming with Basij and popular forces. For this reason, the least these sensitive and brave people expect from a neighboring country is to continue maintaining its neutrality.

Discusses Pipelines With Aqazadeh

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[Text] During a meeting of the Turkish foreign affairs minister and our country's oil minister, at midday today, the means of expanding cooperation related to infrastructure, particularly the implementation of gas and oil pipeline projects between Iran and Turkey, were discussed.

The Turkish foreign affairs minister expressed the Turkish desire to particpate in infrastructure projects between Iran, Turkey, and Pakistan; and also emphasized further activities related with air, sea, and land routes between the three countries.

Aqazadeh, noting the said projects, stated: There are many common fields of interest in bilateral economic cooperations. These should be encouraged to expand and improve. We hope to receive the results of expert analyses about laying gas pipelines and plans for their chronological progress.

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was decided that an Iranian delegation of experts should travel to Turkey to pursue further discussions on future agreements.

Velayati Departs for Harare 28 Aug

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, our country's foreign minister, 'Ali Akbar Velayati, left this morning for the Zimbabwean capital of Harare, at the head of a political delegation that will take part in the eighth session of the Nonaligned Movement summit. According to this report, the foreign ministers of the member countries will meet this morning for a 2-day session to ratify the agenda for the summit, which begins on 1 September.

Prior to his departure from Tehran, Mr Velayati said in an interview that the focus of attention of the Islamic Republic of Iran is the campaign against the system of apartheid, the Palestinian and Afghanistan questions, and the economic problems of the Third World. He remarked: The most important issue is that of apartheid in South Africa. Observing that the fact that the summit is being held in an African country and that the countries of the African Continent belong to the Nonaligned Movement is a sign of the international importance of the issue. Mr Velayati said: The struggle of the South African people against the system of apartheid has attracted the attention of the peaceloving nations of the world, especially those of the Third World.

The foreign minister said that the second most important issue is the Palestinian cause. We consider the Palestinian issue as a strategic one and one that embodies the (?aspirations of the people). We shall muster all our resources to resolve this issue.

Referring to the problem of the infiltration of major and minor [words indistinct] he said: The Third World countries should rally all efforts to avoid these situations.

Pakistani Minister Discusses Trade Cooperation

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 26, IRNA — Visiting Pakistani Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs Mian Mohammad Yasin Khan Watto met and conferred with Iran's Minister of Oil Gholam Reza Aqazadeh, here Tuesday.

In the meeting the two sides stressed their interest to expand Tehran-Islamabad commercial cooperation between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan.

The Iranian oil minister said that Iran was serious about promoting bilateral long-term relations with Pakistan.

It was decided at the meeting that the two countries' experts would review ways of strengthening existing oil protocols signed by the two governments.

The Pakistani official arrived here Saturday at the head of a delegation to take part in the second session of the Irano-Pakistan Joint Commission.

Confers With Musavi

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[Text] Tehran, Aug 27, IRNA — Visiting Pakistani Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs Mian Mohammad Yasin Khan Watto extended an invitation to Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi from his Pakistani counterpart Mohammad Khan Junejo to visit Pakistan, here Wednesday. The Pakistani minister termed his talks with Iranian officials as "positive".

Prime Minister Musavi said that Tehran-Islamabad relations were important and called for a fuller exploitation of bilateral relations.

"Continuing visits of the two countries' officials can prepare ground for expansion of bilateral relations" Musavi said. He further thanked the Pakistani official for Prime Minister Junejo's invitation and expressed hope that he would visit Pakistan in the future.

Signs Trade Letter

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 27, IRNA — Iran and Pakistan signed a letter of understanding here Wednesday increasing the volume of trade between Tehran and Islamabad to dlrs 200 million for the next Iranian year (beginning March 21, 1987).

The letter of understanding was signed by Iranian and Pakistani Ministers of Economic and Financial Affairs Mohammad Javad Iravani and Mian Mohammad Yasin Khan Watto here.

According to the agreement, Iran will export 20,000 barrels of oil to Pakistan per day and import a total of 300,000 tons of wheat from that country.

After signing the letter of understanding, Iravani said that Iran's exports of non-oil commodities to Pakistan and its imports of rice from that country are also contained in the agreement.

The Iranian minister of economic and financial affairs also said that the two countries had agreed to cooperate in joint industrial projects including those of cement and sugar cane.

Some 500 Pakistani physicians as well as 200 veterinarians will work in Iran. The agreement also contains exchange of professors and students as well as mutual cooperation in surface transportation, he said.

Comments on Trade Agreement

Conclusions on Textile Agreement

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[Excerpt] Our correspondent reports that during the second session of the Joint Committee for Economic Cooperation between Iran and Pakistan, which was held in Tehran, a number of agreements were signed between the two countries. The agreements, which were signed in the fields of commerce, industry, agriculture, and cooperation between the chambers of commerce, industries, and mines of the two countries, as well as a letter of understanding was signed last night in Tehran by Mr Iravani and Mr Watto.

Before leaving for home, Mr Yasin Khan Watto, the Pakistani minister, spoke to our correspondent about the letter of understanding, and said: We have agreed on all points and are satisfied with the results of our talks. We have agreed to purchase 20,000 barrels of oil a day from Iran, as well as nonoil goods. Iran will import wheat, rice, textiles, and other commodities from Pakistan.

Mr Javad Iravani also spoke to our correspondent at this time and gave some details of this letter of understanding:

[Begin recording] [Unidentified correspondent] I would like Mr Iravani to explain the details of the letter of understanding signed between Iran and Pakistan.

[Iravani] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Mr Yasin Khan Watto, the Pakistani minister of finance and economic affairs, responded to my invitation and that of the Islamic Republic of Iran (?to attend) the annual session of the joint economic committee at the head of an economic delegation. He met the president during the course of the session, as well as Mr Musavi, and held talks with them on various topics [word indistinct]. [passage omitted]

Under the terms of this letter of understanding, trade between the two countries has gone up to $400 million. It has been decided to export [words indistinct] and nonoil exports (?shown) at the international trade fair in Karachi and to set up a (?committe) to examine the exchange of goods and [words indistinct] between the countries within the framework of the Economic Cooperation Organization. Agriculture and cottage industries were also discussed, and the Reconstruction Crusade Organization and the Agriculture Ministry reached an agreement with their Pakistani counterparts. There are plans for the two countries to collaborate in the industrial sector, especially in industrial manpower, and [word indistinct] projects. An agreement was reached on highway and railroad transportation.

Talks also dealt with scientific and cultural cooperation, and provisions were made on teachers and students exchanges. These matters were examined in detail and their practical aspects specified. An accord for the training of experts and [words indistinct] various fields was signed earlier in Karachi.

I consider the results of the second session of the joint Committee for Economic Cooperation very positive in terms of expanded cooperation between two Muslim countries and [words indistinct] [end recording]

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

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Communique No 2,576

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Tehran, Aug 27, IRNA – Iraqi Army personnel and military equipment suffered heavy casualties and losses in the Iranian Kurdistan front, in the Sarvak of Dehlaran, Tuesday, when their positions were shelled by Iranian forces.

Several Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and four enemy bunkers, one observation post, and one munitions dump destroyed in the western fronts Tuesday when they were hit by Iranian artillery fire, the communique said.

The Joint Staff Communique said that exchange of artillery and mortar fire continued throughout the fronts Tuesday raging somewhat more heavily in Kolah Shin and Hajj 'Umran, northwestern fronts, as a result of which several Iraqi bunkers and observation posts together with two munitions dumps were destroyed. Iraqi positions were also heavily damaged and enemy fire silenced.

In the southern fronts, the communique said, Muslim forces of Iran reconnoitered and heavily shelled enemy supply convoys and armoured units in Eynkhosh, Nahr-Anbar and in Yebis Tuesday inflicting heavy casualties and losses on Iraqi troops.

A convoy of Iraqi patrols attempting to infiltrate Iranian positions in Sumar, western fronts, Tuesday, sustained casualties and damage and was forced to flee under Iranian artillery fire, according to the communique.

Elsewhere, the communique said that the artillery fire of Iranian Gendarmerie forces on Iraqi positions in parts of the southern fronts Tuesday inflicted heavy casualties on them and set ablaze two vehicles of theirs. Parts of enemy positions were also devastated.

Combat Specialists Depart For Fronts

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit correspondent from Bakhtaran, a brigade of trained combat specialists from Bakhtaran Province making up the 10th convoy of Karbala' wayfarers under the appellation of the 6th Labbayk Ya Imam [we respond to you o imam] unit have left for the fronts of right against wrong after a warm send-off from the martyr-nurturing residents of Bakhtaran.

Tabriz Students Leave for Fronts

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, a combat brigade consisting of students from the teachers' training centers of East Azarbayjan Province, as well as mobilization volunteers from this province, left yesterday afternoon for the fronts of right versus wrong after an enthusiastic send-off by the residents of Tabriz. Over the past 2 days, hundreds of combat specialists from the provinces of Esfahan, Gilan, and Mazandaran, and the city of Nevshabur, as well as drivers of heavy and light vehicles, welders, mechanics, and relief personnel have left for the battle-fronts.